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ACTION DLOS-07

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SUBJECT: GROUNDING OF VLCC METULA (METALUX) IN STRAITS OF MAGELLAN

REF: SANTIAGO 4866

1. LOCAL PRESS AUGUST 15 REPORTS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS
IN METULA CASE.

2. DC 8 CHARTERED BY TANKER'S OWNERS SCHEDULED ARRIVE AUGUST 15
11:00 A.M. LOCAL AT PUNTA ARENAS AIRPORT, WITH 10 SALVAGE
EXPERTS AND 14 TONS OF EQUIPMENT ABOARD, OBJECTIVE BEING
TO REFLOAT VESSEL PROBABLY DURING EXTRA HIGH TIDE AUGUST 18.

3. AIRCRAFT WILL RETURN CREW TO AMSTERDAM AUGUST 16.

4. SERVO MOTOR CONTROLLING RUDDER NOW SEEN
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TO BE DAMAGED.

5. OTHERWISE, SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, BUT ESTIMATES
OF OIL SPILL NOW REACH AS HIGH AS 20,000 TONS.

6. TANKER WAS LOADED WITH 194,000 TONS OF PETROLEUM
WITH VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$14 MILLION. CHILEAN LOCAL
STOCKS AT HIGH LEVEL AND THERE WILL BE NO DISRUPTION OF
SUPPLY.

7. AUGUST 15 IS FULL LOCAL HOLIDAY. WE DOUBT THAT WE
WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE ANY ACTION FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.
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